

MINUTES
POLK STATE COLLEGE
District Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, March 29, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.
Polk State Center for Public Safety CPS 267 and Teleconference

Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti called the March 29, 2021, District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Ashley Bell Barnett, Mr. Dan Dorrell, Mr. Greg Littleton, Ms. Teresa Martinez, Ms. Cindy Ross, and Mr. Mark Turner

Members Absent: All in attendance

Special Recognition: Dr. Angela Garcia Falconetti

None.

Agenda:

Ms. Barnett moved, seconded by Mr. Dorrell, to approve the agenda for March 29, 2021. All members voted affirmatively.

Consent Agenda Items: Dr. Allen Bottorff

- a. **Payroll Distribution for February 2021** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- b. **Expenditure Summary for February 2021** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- c. **Personnel Actions Report for February 2021** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Dorrell, to approve the consent agenda items for February 2021. All members voted affirmatively.

Those items included under the Consent section are self-explanatory and are not expected to require discussion before action. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any Board member on any item, the item should be identified and removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

Approval of Board Minutes

a. February 22, 2021, Board Minutes

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Ms. Barnett, to approve the February 22, 2021, Board minutes. All members voted affirmatively.

President's Report – Dr. Angela Garcia Falconetti

a. Legislative Update

- Dr. Falconetti provided a brief summary of the College's legislative priorities, including the 6% holdback, preserving the College's base budget, and Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding.
- b. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA Act); and The American Rescue Plan (ARP)**
 - Dr. Falconetti provided a brief update on Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I, II, and III Funds).
- c. Dr. Falconetti's Roles as Chair of Policy and Advocacy Committee and Vice Chair of Florida College System Council of Presidents (COP)**
 - Dr. Falconetti noted the thank you letter received from Senator Tom Wright, District 14, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education provided in the supplementing meeting materials.
 - Dr. Falconetti presented during March 17, 2021, State Board of Education meeting in Tallahassee. She represented the Florida College System Council of Presidents and provided an overview of legislative and policy issues.
- d. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Reaffirmation Update**
 - The College's response report was sent to the SACSCOC Reaffirmation Committee on March 23, 2021, in advance of the March 29 deadline.
- e. Highlight of Selected Successes and Positive News (documents supplementing meeting packet)**
 - *The Ledger* article "Polk State thanks Polk County Delegation for support ahead of 2021 Legislative Session"
 - Central Florida Development Council article "Polk's Growth and Favorable Business Climate Fuel Talent Migration"

Attorney's Report:

None.

Business Services Action Items:

None.

Business Services Informational Items: Dr. Allen Bottorff

- a. Investment Interest Comparison for February 2021** – Dr. Bottorff presented and reviewed the College's Investment Interest Comparison for February 2021. No Board action required.
- b. Budget Amendment Summary for February 2021** – Dr. Bottorff presented and reviewed the Budget Amendment Summary for February 2021 for the Board's information. No Board action required.

- c. **Financial Statements for February 2021** – Dr. Bottorff presented and reviewed the Financial Statements for February 2021 for the Board’s information. No Board action required.
- d. **Capital Project Status Report for February 2021** – Dr. Bottorff presented and reviewed the Capital Project Status Report for February 2021 for the Board’s information. No Board action required.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

None.

Academic & Student Services Action Items:

None.

Academic & Student Services Informational Items:

None.

Collegiate High School Report:

- a. **Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School 2021 Recruitment/Enrollment Timeline – Mr. Rick Jeffries**

Mr. Jeffries provided an update on Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School’s 2021 Recruitment/Enrollment Timeline for the Board’s information.

First Reading Board Rules (No action required):

None.

Second Reading Board Rules (Final Approval):


None.


Board Discussion:

Chair Ross invited the Board members to participate in the Association of Florida College’s Trustees Commission Virtual Legislative Conference on April 13-14. Chair Ross reminded the Board that the next DBOT meeting will occur on April 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in WST 126 at the Polk State College Winter Haven Campus.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

 5/24/2021
Ms. Cynthia Hartley Ross Date
DBOT Chair

 5/24/2021

Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti Date
President